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The Honorable John Dingell  
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Dear Congressman Dingell:

On behalf of the City of Detroit, I applaud the introduction of the Towns-Borski-Dingell-Oberstar-Gephardt bill as an important tool to revitalize and redevelop the brownfields of Detroit and other cities across this country that have experienced abandonment and underutilization of valuable land resources. The provisions of the bill will allow these cities to reclaim former commercial and industrial sites and return these properties to productive uses that will benefit the cities, the states, and the nation.

While the City of Detroit wholeheartedly supports your efforts, I recognize that bringing these properties into productive use is a massive undertaking. Therefore, I am particularly pleased that this bill has more than doubled the funding from that proposed in legislation introduced in the 105th Congress. I also note this bill takes very positive steps toward encouraging prospective purchasers to give real and thoughtful consideration to becoming a part of this effort to revitalize our cities.

I am also gratified that the bill has achieved the support of the Clinton Administration.

Thank you for coming forward on behalf of our nation's cities.

Sincerely,

Dennis W. Archer  
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